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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to
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U.S. Patent No. 3,928,970.

U.S. Patent No. 5,515,678.

U.S. Patent No. 5,261,730.

U.S. Patent No. 5,851,057.

U.S. Patent No. 5,927,074.

U.S. Patent No. 6,089,676.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 11-115728. A discussion of
relevance of this document is set forth on page one of the present application. This
document also corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,089,676.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 9-24818. A discussion of relevance of this document is set forth on page two of the present application.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 9-24819. A discussion of relevance of this document is set forth on page two of the present application.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patents are not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

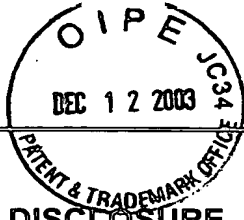
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